

MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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Anticipated & Unexpected Fiscal Obligations for the Office of the Secretary of State

(Including Comparison to SOS FY14-15 Budget)

Potential SOS Fiscal Obligation FY14-FY15	Estimated Cost	In FY14-15 SOS Budget
Remaining contracted costs for the replacement of the office's legacy business filing system. This replacement is titled the Secretary of State Information Management System (SIMS).	\$2,718,385	No
 SOS is currently in the first phase of an approved and signed contract to update this antiquated and paper-based filing system. Three phases remain. This project was developed and agreed to by the previous administration 		
 Upon taking office, Secretary McCulloch was able to downsize the contract by \$1,100,000. 		
SOS costs associated with the development and implementation of SIMS, which are not included in the signed contract. • This includes costs for SOS staffing and system hosting with the vendor.	\$477,000	\$117,000 SOS Staff
Estimated cost of digitizing original paper-based business filing documents dating back to statehood. • SIMS will require that all business filings with SOS be available in a digital form.	\$1,000,000	No
Annual SOS cost for ongoing support and maintenance of SIMS – FY15	\$150,000	Yes
Northrop-Grumman's (NG) annual cost for maintaining the current business filing system until SIMS is fully operational. • NG is the only contractor in Helena willing to maintain the legacy business filing system on the state mainframe. They currently charge \$123/hr for service. This charge includes not only actual work done to the system, but also includes costs for creating estimates required in legislative fiscal notes.	\$61,500 Annual cost	Yes
IT vendor billing or SOS costs associated with implementing legislation under consideration in the 2013 legislative session.	\$1,189,098 As of	No
 As of January 31, in the 2013 session, four introduced bills could have a total fiscal impact to SOS of \$344,088. If any of these bills pass, SOS may have to pay the cost of implementation without assistance from the general fund. SB 22 = \$88,745 HB 297 = \$17,343 HB 212 = \$70,000 	2/15/13	
 SB 206 = \$168,000 HB 158 = \$4,510 HB 400 = \$833,000 HB 410 = \$7,500 		

Biennial system support, maintenance and SOS staff costs for the statewide voter	\$1,384,466	No
registration and elections management system (MT Votes), as mandated by the federal	71,504,400	110
Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. Montana's share of federal HAVA funds for MT		
Votes is expected to be depleted by the end of FY13. No additional federal funds are		
anticipated to be allocated by Congress.	\$112,000	No
Estimated cost of implementing an electronic data exchange with the Motor Vehicle	3112,000	INO
Division to the MT Votes system. The current, antiquated paper process between the		
driver exam stations and the county Clerk and Recorders' offices is error-prone, and	rad Tiber 18	
creates a large lag time in voter registration. This is particularly critical in the last few		
weeks leading up to a statewide election.	4450,000	1999
Estimated cost of implementing online voter registration to MT Votes, enabling voters	\$160,000	No
to register to vote electronically on the SOS website.		18 12 22 1
Cost of completing the online Administrative Rules system.	\$360,000	No
 SOS canceled the 2008 contract with the system vendor after 64 fatal errors 		
were detected by SITSD. At the time, the system was hosted in Florida. SOS has		
since moved the system to the state data center.		
The system is now maintained in-house by SOS staff and awaiting further		
development.		
Online candidate filing enhancements.	\$50,000	No
 Current online candidate filing system is a silo application, not connected to the 		
ballot creation and election night reporting system.		
SITSD increase in service costs for FY14-15.	\$137,188	Yes -
12% increase for current & required services		\$72,075
10% costs for additional services		No -
		\$65,112
Estimated cost of development of an online notary listing system.	\$50,000	No
Unanticipated computer equipment replacement FY14.	\$30,000	No
Potential decrease in business filing revenue in a future fiscal year.	Unknown	Unknown
 Projected revenue for the Business Services Division is uncertain because the 		
number of documents filed with the Division depends on the stability of the		
economy. Business filings can increase or decrease as much as 6% to 13% per		
year based on an upturn or downturn in the economy.		
Major unexpected repair and maintenance of SOS's two leased buildings that house the	Unknown	Unknown
Notary, Administrative Rules, IT, and Records Management Divisions.		
SOS compliance with the state pay plan as proposed in HB13 for FY14 and FY15	\$213,538	Yes
	 	No
	\$176,880	No
SOS Employee Retirement Payout Liability (leave payouts) • Currently, 47% of SOS employees are eligible to retire based on MPERA	\$176,880	INO

Total	Minimum	\$8,270,055
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